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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS ON US DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO MIDDLE EAST

1. SUMMARY. LOCAL PRESS OCTOBER 10 CARRIES THREE JUXTAPOSED ARTICLES APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO BOLSTER IMPRESSION THAT GOE POLICY OF WOOING US GRADUALLY AWAY FROM ISRAEL BEARING MODEST FRUIT. MOST PROMINENT ARTICLE CONCERNS WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT, BANNER-HEADLINED IN AHARAM, WITH SHORT TEXT EXPRESSING WISHES FOR CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES REPRODUCED IN FULL. OTHER ARTICLES DEAL WITH HOUSE PASSAGE OF BILL TO SEND US EXPERTS TO SINAI, WITH SENATE APPROVAL EXPECTED SHORTLY, AND ISRAELI COMPLAINTS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ALLEGEDLY DOWN-PLAYED AMERICAN GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL AND COMMENTED THAT NO SOLUTION POSSIBLE IN MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT CREATION OF PALESTINIAN STATE. END SUMMARY.

2. REPORTS ON HOUSE DEBATE ON US TECHNICIANS QUESTION APPEAR DESIGNED TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT US PRESENCE TO BE STRICTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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LIMITED, DESPITE CLAIMS OF EGYPT'S CRITICS. HOUSE AMENDMENTS

FORBIDDING PRESIDENT FORD TO SEND MILITARY TROOPS TO SINAI, ALLOWING BOTH CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT TO WITHDRAW TECHNICIANS IN CASE OF DANGER, AND REQUESTING ADMINISTRATION TO SOUND OUT OTHER COUNTRIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN SINAI ARE ALL MENTIONED.

3. ARTICLES CONCERNING ISRAELI-KISSINGER "DISPUTE" REPORT COMMENTS BY ISRAELI TOURISM MINISTER THAT ISRAELI GOVERNMENT EXTREMELY VEXED BY KISSINGER COMMENTS TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THAT GUARANTEES TO ISRAEL UNDER SINAI ACCORD MERELY "SCRAP OF PAPER" WITHOUT BINDING LEGAL VALUE. ISRAELI MINISTER ALSO REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED THAT KISSINGER COMMENTS CONCERNING NECESSITY OF PALESTINIAN STATE RUN COUNTER TO AMERICAN POSITION AS ENUNCIATED IN MARCH 1975, WHEN SECRETARY COMMENTED THAT ANY PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD BE ARTIFICIAL, AN ELEMENT OF INSTABILITY IN AREA, AND AN ENTITY WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY ENTER SOVIET ORBIT. ARTICLES PLAYED MATTER-OF-FACTLY, BUT IMPRESSION LINGERS THAT US HAS CHANGED POLICY ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION.
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